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OMAHA AIR SHOW ATTRACTS 10,000

On May 14, Squadron No. 1 CAP, with co-operation of Squadrons No. 2 and No. 3 sponsored a free air show at the Municipal Airport. A flight of 24 P-47 fighter planes in attack formation was the highlight of the program.

Maj. Gen. C. H. Danielson, chief of Seventh Service Command opened the show with a brief talk in which he praised the Women's Army Corps, whose second anniversary was recognized in this two-day celebration.

A birthday ball was held at the Fontenelle Saturday evening where 12 young women were sworn in the WACs by Capt. Irene Sweeney. Army officers, WACs and CAP officers assisted in the ceremony. A three-layer birthday cake then was cut by Capt. Sweeney and distributed first to new enlistees and then other guests.

Other events at the Airport on Sunday was a one-hour concert by the WAC band, CAP flight demonstration with army planes; incendiary demonstration by Army ordnance, drill demonstrations by the CAP, CAPC and WAC band, plane to ground and walkie-talkie demonstrations.

B-17 and B-24 bombers were on exhibit as well as CAP photography and a display of Omaha manufactured war items.

The program was well managed and one of the best CAP demonstrations we have witnessed for a long time. Many Civil Air Patrol members were attracted to the show from out-state points, several coming by plane.

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AIR COMBAT CREW REPLACES AVIATION CADETS

Major changes in the recently re-opened Army Air Forces training program, as outlined by Maj. Frank V. Kent, president, Omaha AAF Examining Board, follow:

The program now is known as the AAF Air Combat Crew training program, instead of AAF Aviation Cadet program;

Assignment for bombardier, navigator, pilot

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LT. COL. HARRY B. SIDLES RECEIVES "SILVER LEAF"

A signal honor has come to the Nebraska Wing in the promotion of our Wing Commander, Harry B. Sidles, from Major to Lt. Colonel. We feel that the Colonel is well deserving of this promotion, as he has made Civil Air Patrol practically his full time job. Nebraska is constantly growing under the new development program and we hope soon to have many new flights and squadrons organized. Col. Earle L. Johnson, National Commander, says, "I am very happy indeed to give you this promotion due to the fine job that you have done and the great interest you have taken in Civil Air Patrol. I know that you will continue to help make CAP the great organization that it can be."

ELKHORN VALLEY FLOOD WORST IN HISTORY

Floods in the Elkhorn Valley have kept the Fremont Squadron on their toes. Capt. Baldwin reports making general observation flights over the flood areas reporting scope of flood, advising position of flood fronts and warning people to evacuate and helping to

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NEBRASKA'S NEW C.A.P. SQUADRONS

Civil Air Patrol in Nebraska is looking forward to an expansion of activities. A tentative figure of 36 squadrons and flights are in the offing. Our Liaison Officers, Capt. Gist and Lt. Lammel, AAF, have done a swell job in obtaining some of our many needs. Much Air Force equipment, such as planes, engines, and parts have been obtained. Nebraska can look forward to a mobilization conducted by Army Officers if everything goes according to schedule. The Cadet Program is expanding every week and if present efforts are continued by Wing, Group and Squadron officers,

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NEW GROUP SET-UP FOR NEBRASKA C.A.P.

Personnel changes and promotions in the Nebraska Civil Air Patrol were announced today by Lt. Col. Harry B. Sidles. Formation of new squadrons and group commands were announced by Col. Sidles as causing the changes. The following changes and additions in the Nebraska wing were announced:

Group 761, Capt. M. J. Warren, commanding; Lt. Roy Highfield, executive officer.

Under Group 761 are Omaha Squadron 1, 1st Lt. Leonard Heinsen, commanding; Omaha Squadron 2, 1st Lt. Belle Hetzel, commanding; Omaha Squadron 3, 1st Lt. W. C. Garner, commanding.

Group 762, Capt. Kenneth D. Kimme!, commanding.

Under Group 762, Lincoln squadron, 1st Lt. William N. Kite, commanding; Crete squadron, 1st Lt. Gerald J. Hallstead, commanding; Fairbury squadron, 1st Lt. Sam P. Stull, commanding; Tecumseh flight, Edward J. Critchfield, leader.

Group 763, Capt. Charles F. Larsen, commanding.

Under Group 763, Grand Island squadron, 1st Lt. Paul Gordon, commanding; Kearney squadron, Dr. Rose, commanding.

Group 764, (no appointment), commanding.

Under Group 764, North Platte squadron, 1st Lt. L. F. Valentine, commanding; Imperial

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ARMY AIR FORCE EQUIPMENT TO C.A.P.

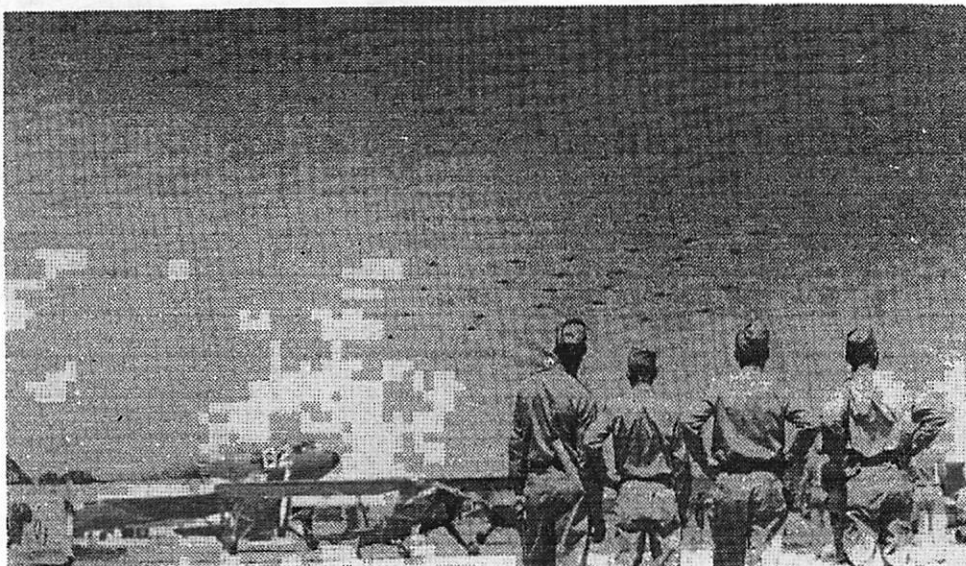
Much interest is being created throughout the state in the knowledge that the Army is furnishing CAP with many planes, motors, superchargers, hydraulics, carburetors, wing sections, etc.

These planes, numbering 51, mostly P-38, P-39, P-40, P-47, P-43A and P-322, which is the English version of P-38, as well as hundreds of other parts are now at the Arrow Airport in Lincoln, Neb., awaiting distribution. Lt. William Kite is the designated dispersing officer there at the Airport and all squadrons and flights are urged to select what they may want for training purposes, tag same and arrange your own transportation to get it.

We understand that two new transmitters and receivers are being sent to Nebraska for training purposes. This will no doubt provide a means of communication for future missions.

Nebraska Aeronautics Commission

This past week Capt. M. M. Meyers was a visitor at the N. A. C. meeting held in Omaha and reported that every member of this commission was enthusiastic in the spirit of Civil Air Patrol and showed a favorable desire to work with CAP in Nebraska in the furtherance of its program. We want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for all the fine things the commission has done and say to our membership that your co-operation should be given to this commission whenever opportunity affords.



"PICTURE BY W. O. H. L. GASKILL, SQUADRON NO. 1"

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or gunnery training depends upon a series of exhaustive aptitude and a psychological tests at an Air Forces Training Center after call to active duty;

Only youths 17 years old can qualify by enlisting in the AAF Reserve for call after their 18th birthday.

If a high school graduate, AAF Reservists may participate in the Army Specialized Training Reserve Program before their active duty call.

A feature retained from the old AAF program is the provision which authorizes a delay in call to active duty until the end of the term for AAF Reservists attending school on their 18th birthday.

It is still necessary to submit formal application for the air combat crew training program in duplicate, with consent of both parents shown by signature; a certified copy of birth certificate, baptismal record, or other proof of birth, and three letters of recommendation.

If the applicant desires school deferment or wishes to apply for ASTRP, application in duplicate with parental consent must be provided at the time of enlistment.

The qualifying mental examination now is being given by the Omaha AAF Examining board at its office at 225 Postoffice Building, Omaha, at 8 a. m. each day. Formerly, the examination was started at 12 noon.

The qualifying physical examination now is being given at Fort Crook during the afternoon on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, instead of daily in the morning as was the case.

AAF Reservists who apply for the ASTRP must be not over 17 years and 9 months old at time of enrollment in the program, be a

C.A.P. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

National Headquarters expects to supply communications material through the Wing office as soon as stocks can be released to CAP.

Equity in making the apportionment will be attained by the number of Squadrons, Wing membership, and WERS participating.

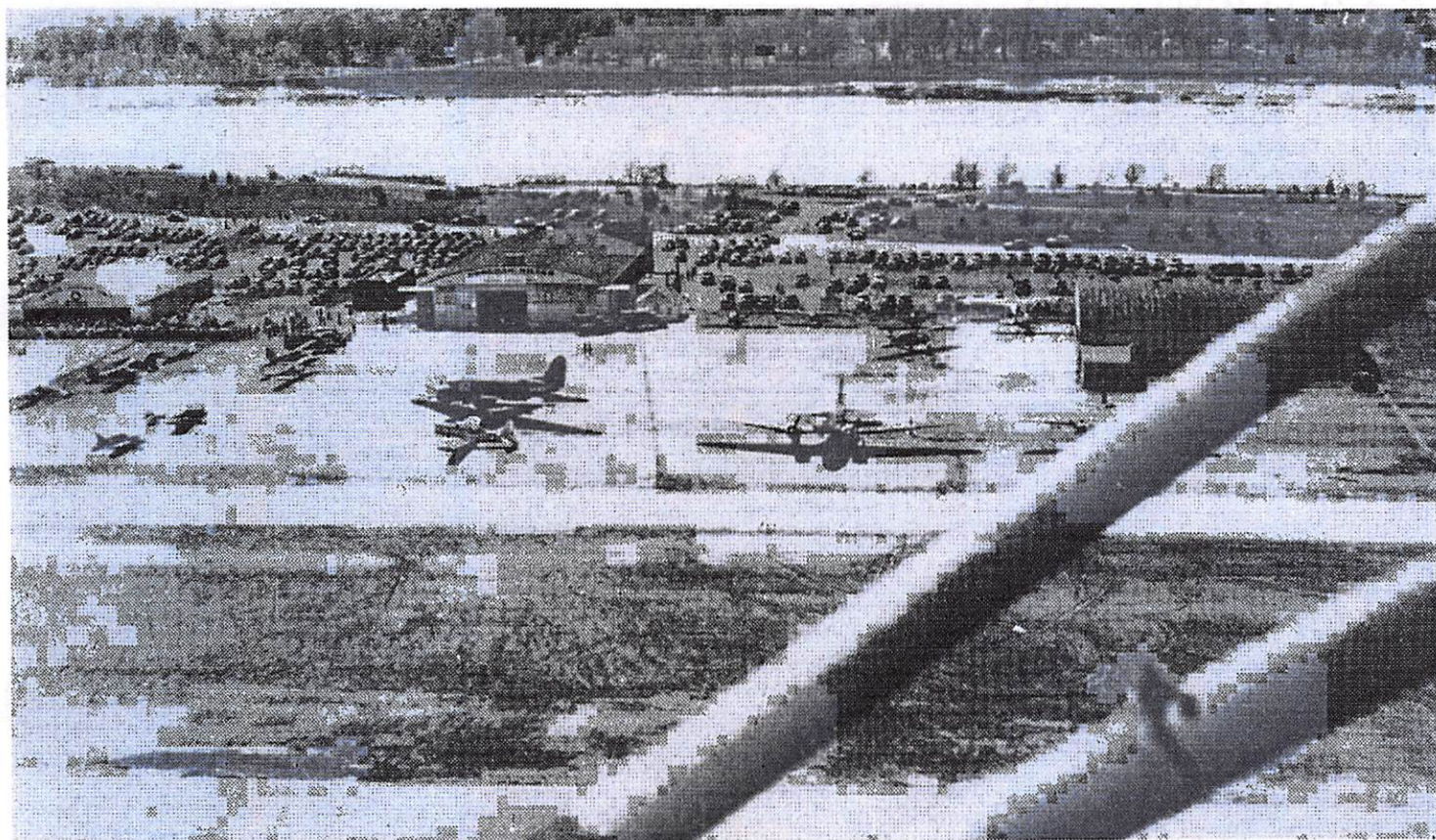
Up to this time nothing of any value has been forthcoming, and until such material and equipment is available it will be impossible to do anything in the way of building transmitters or receivers. According to Communications Directive 5A, National Headquarters advises that we may expect shipments from certain Army depots. Since the material is public property it will be imperative that we give full account of it at any time.

Squadrons will be notified either through this bulletin, or by special release from the Wing office when such equipment is available.

high school graduate. The Reservists who apply for the training in college before call to active duty will be assigned to colleges in the ASTRP as soon after enlistment as practicable.

A maximum monthly quota has been set for the air combat crew applicants. Civil Air Patrol is still the only assisting agency for recruiting and examining applicants.

**REMEMBER OUR
MOBILIZATION
AUG. 20-27**



PICTURE BY W. O. H. L. GASKILL, CAP

CAPT. LAWRENCE YOUNGMAN TO OVERSEAS DUTY

WAR CORRESPONDENT FOR
WORLD-HERALD IN ENGLAND



Capt. Lawrence Youngman, Wing Intelligence Officer, has had his dreams realized. Capt. Youngman has been anticipating an overseas assignment as a war correspondent for some time and his assignment came just before the invasion. Now in England, Capt.

Squadron News

A new idea for squadron interest has been worked out by members of Squadron No. 1, Omaha. They have set up a special Inter-Flight Competition for the month of June. Each week flights compete against each other and the winning flight will be presented with a guidon. The flights are judged on attendance, inspection, aero quiz, drill, and O'Grady spelldown on separate meeting nights.

Also Omaha squadrons have recently visited the weather bureau, control tower and are receiving expert instruction on line checking and prop swinging of L2M trainer planes.

Squadron No. 2, Powder Puff squadron at Omaha, celebrated their second anniversary at the CAP Airport Building, cutting a delicious Birthday Cake last week.

George Fraser now in the Army Air Forces has been recently transferred to Ottumwa, Ia., as an instructor. George says to tell every CAP members that he certainly did appreciate his CAP training and anyone contemplating serving in the armed forces will do well to join CAP.

Youngman intends to contact Nebraska and Iowa boys and tell of the part in the war that they are now playing. We hope to have word from him soon.

NEW GROUP SET-UP FOR NEBRASKA C.A.P.

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squadron, 1st Lt. John Nolan, commanding. Group 765 (no appointment).

Under Group 763, Scotts Bluff squadron, 1st Lt. M. P. Bremmer, commanding.

Group 766, Capt. Arthur Baldwin, commanding.

Under Group 766, Fremont squadron, 1st Lt. Gilbert Broyton, commanding; Wahoo flight, 2nd Lt. F. H. Kalterman, commanding; David City flight, , commanding; Oakland flight, 2nd Lt. Harold Ludwig, commanding; Columbus flight, Fred Gottshalk, commanding; Wayne squadron, 2nd Lt. R. G. Fuelberth, commanding; Laurel flight, A. E. Huddleston, commanding; Wakefield Flight B, , commanding; Pierce Flight C, Ferris Wainer, commanding; Norfolk squadron, 2nd Lt. Clair F. Blakeman, commanding.

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NEW TRAINING FILMS

A new Film Library is being set up at the Wing Headquarters, 502 S. 19th, Omaha. A list of training films and strips will soon be sent to the different squadrons and films can be had for training purposes upon request.

C.A.P. FLIGHTS AND MISSIONS

Pilots making flights for Recruiting this past few weeks were Capt. Schroeder, Capt. Fraser, Lts. Barnett and March to Norfolk, Wayne, Tecumseh, Grand Island, Norfolk and Fremont.

Those flyers taking part in the flood missions were Andy Risser of Norfolk, Capt. Art Baldwin of Fremont, Lt. Blakeman of Norfolk and Lts. Barnett, Schroeder, Lang, Lindbergh, Rotella, and Babs of Omaha.

CAP worked in co-operation with the State Guard with Capt. Kimmel of Lincoln, Group 762, piloting aircraft for Gen. Henninger. Capt. Schroeder flew a mission with Capt. Rhodes, Army Regimental Intelligence. Capt. Lang flew a 10-H. P. outboard motor to King's Lake for a boat to rescue two children stranded on top of a barn. CAP flew emergency missions, bringing in everything from yeast for bakers to typhus serum. Daily patrols have been flown over the Missouri river carrying weather bureau and U. S. Engineers personnel. In the Norfolk flood, CAP carried many Red Cross and other relief agency personnel into that area.

Northwestern Bell Telephone took advantage of CAP ships to determine where lines were down so repairs could be made immediately. Also many farmers were flown over the flood to find cattle and stock caught by the flood.

NEBRASKA'S NEW C.A.P. SQUADRON

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Nebraska Civil Air Patrol should be a much bigger and better organization by September 1.

It is proposed that every town in the State with a population of 2,000 or more should have a CAP unit.

With this expansion of Civil Air Patrol we can see a general expansion of civilian interest in Aviation in Nebraska. Airport development and general aviation interest must first be found in the minds of people who are now or some day will use the airplane for his convenience or his livelihood.

Nebraska towns that have large, well organized CAP groups can hope to keep pace with AVIATION, as members of Civil Air Patrol keep posted in all aviation matters, as well as being trained in a knowledge of flying.

In the near future it will be no strange event for airplanes to pick up your mail non-stop and leave mail in every county seat town in the state. Feeder lines are already being planned for mail, express and passenger service.

The entire Wing staff has been on the job recently in organizing new Squadrons and Flights.

Capt. Fraser, Schroeder and Reynolds and Lt. Barnett co-operated with the folks at Norfolk in organizing a new Squadron of CAP there. A fine meeting was held in the Hotel



SMOKE SCREEN LAID BY ARMY AT AIR SHOW

Norfolk with Mayor Art Breyer, members of the Airport Commission, Officers of the Kiwanis Club and about 75 other interested citizens. Lt. Clair Blakeman was commissioned Squadron Commander and definite progress is being made in Squadron work. The recent flood at Norfolk has retarded their efforts.

Capt. Meyers, Mueller and Capt. Gist visited Lincoln, Fairbury and Crete squadrons and reported that progress is being made at all three places.

Capt. Fraser and Follmer and Lts. Patrick and Marsh were visitors at Tecumseh. Prospects are good for a much larger membership here.

Capt. Larsen and Lt. Murphy of the Grand Island Squadron laid the foundation for a splendid meeting at which Lt. Col. Sidles was speaker. Bad weather prevented small ships from flying, so Col. Sidles hops a BT13 going out and a B-17 on the return.

Capt. Fraser, Schroeder and Reynolds and Lt. Barnett made flying trips to Wayne and Fremont where they talked to large numbers of CAP members and prospective members and cadets. At Wayne they had the Sheriff fingerprinting members until the wee small hours. New flights are being organized at Laurel, Pierce, Wakefield, Oakland.

Capt. Mueller has laid the foundation for a squadron at Columbus with the assistance of Lts. Patrick, Marsh and Capt. Baldwin. Capt. Mueller also talked to the Kiwanis Club in Fremont last Thursday. Lt. Fred Gottschalk has been appointed Flight Commander at Columbus.

A visit by Capt. Reynolds, Schroeder; Lts. Patrick and Barnett to Grand Island and North Platte revealed both Squadrons doing a good job. At Grand Island a full house of CAP members and cadets were present. A midnight staff meeting was held and the problems of each officer discussed. Much credit is due this Squadron for splendid work.

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spot and rescue livestock. Special missions were flown for the National Guard and Red Cross. Others who took an active part in the flood observation work were Lt. Ogden Martin, Commander Lt. Brayton and Lt. Spangler. All the members of the Civil Air Patrol took part in some way or other in flood activities. CAP co-operated closely with Siems Flying Service and Radio Station KORN, which was on the air 24 hours each day.

OMAHA HAS NEW AIRPORT—

The Clear Ridge Airport Corporation is opening up a new Airport in northwest Omaha at 72nd and Crown Point Ave. Grading and seeding are now in process of completion and individual and storage hangers and shops are soon to be erected. The field has the approval of CAA. Officers are William A. Fraser, president; Rudy Mueller, vice-president; Edwin Casson, secretary; F. F. Nebergall, treasurer, and chairman of board is Oscar O. Cooke.

Wing Office Has New Secretary

Wing Secretary Anna Marie Tighe has resigned her position and the new appointment to the position will be Mary E. Jepsen.

Nebraska's Mobilization

At the present time we can only say that the Army has been contacted for the use of the Scribner Air Base for our Mobilization. The time will be the week of August 20 and the next issue of Cornhusker News will carry all the details and program. We hope this year our Mobilization will be on a much larger scale than anything heretofore planned. We hope to have high ranking Air Force Officers present and a real training program planned as well as recreation and fun.